SARA ZAIDI, PHD Age: 46

Occupation: Professor/Educational Consultant

My name is Sara Zaidi, and I'm running for City Council in District 2. I am a proud graduate of CSU Long Beach, a PhD in Education, an educator, wife and most importantly: a mother.

As a parent, the community that we live in and raise our family in is of the utmost importance. Our community reflects our values, it nurtures the next generation, and it amplifies our joys and aspirations. I believe that the leadership of our city is accountable to the shared values that elevate the voices of its constituents, provides opportunity, and listens.

After I was appointed to the Commission for Youth & Families 5 years ago, I have shifted my perspective on who can make impact in our city. I learned that a career-educator can have as much agency as a career-politician in making change. As Chair of the commission, I'm proud to have advanced opportunities for the youth and families of Long Beach.

My platform centers youth, education, social impact, and community – and most importantly, I'm a candidate who will listen and remain accountable to the diversity of our city's constituents.

Learn what I'm all about: www.sara2citycouncil.com